

I. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims) will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A suspension for a running toy, comprising:

first and second turning members which turn respectively first and second wheels connected thereto about respective first and second shafts of the first and second turning members movably received by a chassis of the toy;

a member which connects the first and second turning members and which forms a turning device with each of the first and second turning members; and

a leaf spring which is supported at a middle portion thereon by the chassis;

wherein upper portions of the first and second shafts project from the chassis and are in contact with the leaf spring to be subjected to a downward biasing force caused by elastically deforming the leaf spring,

wherein the chassis includes a recess portion at which the leaf spring is held.

2. (Original) A running toy comprising the suspension as claimed in claim 1.

3. (Original) The suspension as claimed in claim 1, wherein the leaf spring is detachable.

- 4-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The suspension as claimed in claim ~~5~~1, wherein the ~~projecting portion of the leaf spring~~ is sandwiched between the recess portion of the chassis and a shaft connected to the chassis.

7. (Currently Amended) The suspension as claimed in claim ~~4~~6, wherein the leaf spring and the shaft connected to the chassis are formed as a unitary member.

8. (Original) The suspension as claimed in claim 1, wherein the leaf spring is made of metal or plastic.

9-15 (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A suspension for a running toy, comprising;
aspaced turning members attached to a chassis of the toy via respective vertical shafts, each turning member and including two spaced wheels and at least one turnable shaft at operatively connected to the receiving a wheels; and

a biasing member that contacts the at least one shaft between the wheels a protruding portion of each vertical shaft and exerts a downward force on the each turning member and the respective wheels, said biasing member being connected to the chassis,

wherein either wheel can move in a vertical direction while being biased by the biasing member, and

wherein the chassis includes a recess portion at which the biasing member is held.

17-20. (Canceled)

21. (Original) A running toy comprising the suspension as recited in claim 16.

22. (Canceled)

23. (New) The suspension as claimed in claim 16, wherein the biasing member is detachable.

24. (New) The suspension as claimed in claim 16, wherein the biasing member is sandwiched between the recess portion of the chassis and a shaft connected to the chassis.

25. (New) The suspension as claimed in claim 24, wherein the biasing member and the shaft connected to the chassis are formed as a unitary member.

26. (New) The suspension as claimed in claim 16, wherein the biasing member is made of metal or plastic.

27. (New) A suspension for a running toy, comprising;
spaced turning members attached to a chassis of the toy via respective vertical shafts, each turning member receiving a wheel; and

a biasing member that contacts the a protruding portion of each vertical shaft and exerts a downward force on each turning member and the respective wheel, said biasing member being connected to the chassis,

wherein either wheel can move in a vertical direction while being biased by the biasing member,

wherein the biasing member includes a projecting portion, and

wherein the chassis includes a recess portion at which the biasing member is held.

28. (New) A running toy comprising the suspension as recited in claim 27.

29. (New) The suspension as claimed in claim 27, wherein the biasing member is detachable.

30. (New) The suspension as claimed in claim 27, wherein the projecting portion of the biasing member is sandwiched between the recess portion of the chassis and a shaft connected to the chassis.

31. (New) The suspension as claimed in claim 30, wherein the biasing member and the shaft connected to the chassis are formed as a unitary member.

32. (New) The suspension as claimed in claim 27, wherein the biasing member is made of metal or plastic.

33. (New) A suspension for a running toy, comprising:
first and second turning members which turn respectively first and second wheels connected thereto about respective first and second shafts of the first and second turning members movably received by a chassis of the toy;

a member which connects the first and second turning members and which forms a turning

device with each of the first and second turning members; and
a leaf spring supported at a middle portion thereof by the chassis;
wherein upper portions of the first and second shafts project from the chassis and are in contact with the leaf spring to be subjected to a downward biasing force caused by elastically deforming the leaf spring,
wherein the leaf spring includes a projecting portion, and
wherein the chassis includes a recess portion at which the projecting portion of the leaf spring is held.

34. (New) A running toy comprising the suspension as claimed in claim 33.
35. (New) The suspension as claimed in claim 33, wherein the leaf spring is detachable.
36. (New) The suspension as claimed in claim 33, wherein the projecting portion of the leaf spring is sandwiched between the recess portion of the chassis and a shaft connected to the chassis.
37. (New) The suspension as claimed in claim 36, wherein the leaf spring and the shaft connected to the chassis are formed as a unitary member.
38. (Original) The suspension as claimed in claim 33, wherein the leaf spring is made of metal or plastic.